

**REMARKS**

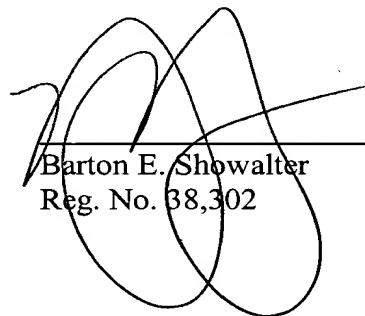
This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 9, 2004 containing a restriction requirement. Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute Claims 1-18 and 22-25 (Examiner's Group I). Applicant has withdrawn Claims 19-20 (Examiner's Group II) and Claim 21 (Examiner's Group III) without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite the issuance of a patent from this Application and does not reflect agreement or acquiescence to the Examiner's conclusions reflected in the Office Action.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for the Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,  
BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Applicants



Barton E. Showalter  
Reg. No. 38,302

Date: Jan. 4, 2005

2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 600  
Dallas, Texas 75201-2980  
(214) 953-6509

Customer No. **05073**